

MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS



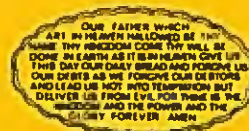
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IN MEMORY OF:

MARION K. CENTER



THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR
STREETS OF PARIS



STREETS OF PARIS. Gayety of the Montmartre art student quarter, shows dancing and music make the Streets of Paris a place for sophisticated enjoyment. The Lido Swimming Pool is a center of entertainment. A dancing floor is beside it. On this floor is given the Fashion Show by sylph-like Parisian mannequins. This is a free entertainment as is the floor show, given by 50 dancing girls and entertainers, four to six in the afternoon, and in the evening.

The diving exhibition by girl and men Olympic champions includes a comedy diving act.

The streets of the Montmartre quarter reproduce the atmosphere of that section of old Paris. Here in the background of old walls and small cafes are seven novelty entertainments of the art student type. Cigarette girls, flower girls and other Parisian types add to the effect.

Cafe de la Paix, indoor and outdoor tables, table d'hote and a la carte service. Orchestra, floor show and dancing by guests afternoon and evening.



BNL

It looks like Clem hasn't moved an inch since last issue. - Jed has gone and now visiting with Clem is Tillie and Willie.

Clem - Hi Tillie & Willie. It looks like you've been taking some notes Tillie.

Tillie - I sure have. We just attended the Morton Grove Coin Club's 11th Annual Coin Festival and we saw a nice educational display by Burton Neal Levy. He displayed 3 X 5 color photographs of his 'Elongated Coin' slide presentation on eight 16" X 20" poster boards with script cards under the photos. It really was interesting.

Clem - Yes it is. Burt showed me the display and I was at one of his color slide presentations in the Chicago area. So far he has shown it to three local clubs, but now with his display he's going to be pretty busy. He has two sets of slides. One for local clubs and one set for mailing purposes to out of state clubs.

Ed Black, President of Lakeland Coin Club, Lakeland, Fla., was the first out of state TEC member to show Burt's presentation and the comments were very pleasing. I know Burt has spent over \$ 100 of his own money for the slides, photographs, etc. He surely would like more out of state participation. There is no charge except for the mailing and insurance costs which amounts to \$ 1.50 each way.

Willie - We're going to tell our friends in Michigan about his slide program. They'll surely appreciate showing it to their local coin club.

Clem - Did you find any elongated coins at the show?

Tillie - We found some but the prices were a bit too high for our pockets. Would you pay \$ 15 for ILL-WCE # 1 on a cent and \$ 8.50 for ILL-CPIE # 22?

Clem - No, that's a bit overpriced! I recall seeing ILL-CPIE # 31 in a flea market showcase that was made into a small copper linked bracelet, which was common, for \$ 17.50. When I asked how the dealer decided to sell it for such an extremely high price she said, "...because I rolled it myself".

Willie - Some people just put too much personal value on some items I guess.

Tillie - Speaking about flea markets. Let's check out the one at the drive-in, Willie. We'll be seeing you Clem.

Clem - Good luck folks. See if you can pick up some bargains for me.



House of **E**longateds

1390 East 6th Street - Beaumont, Ca. 92223

The House of Elongateds is now under the partnership of Lee Martin, and the Chathams, Ron & Mary. Why don't you send for their latest brochure?

MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS - BULLETINS & NEWSLETTERS - FOR SALE:

Bulletin - Board meeting held Oct. 26, '72 (2 only)	.....\$	.10
Bulletin - January 1973..... (8 " )	.....	.10
Bulletin - April 1973..... (20 " )	.....	.10
Bulletin - July 1973..... (25 " )	.....	.10
Bulletin - November 1973..... (24 " )	.....	.10
Bulletin - January 1974..... (14 " )	.....	.10
Bulletin - Presidential Message August 1974 (26 " )	.....	.10
Newsletter - Fourth Quarter 1973..... (18 " )	.....	.35
Newsletter - First " 1974..... (16 " )	.....	.35
Newsletter - Second " 1974..... (11 " )	.....	.35
Newsletter - Third " 1974..... (13 " )	.....	.35
Newsletter - Fourth " 1974..... (15 " )	.....	.35
Newsletter - First " 1975..... (6 " )	.....	.35

The free elongated coins given away with the above bulletins and newsletters are no longer available. Do not send any money with your request. You will be billed accordingly - All bulletins and newsletters available on a first come first serve basis.

Send your requests to Burton Neal Levy.

THOSE DAMM COINS

by Verlee Waterman

One can't be in the hobby of collecting elongateds for long before being aware of one Charles F. Damm, the prolific roller who produced so many of the early coins pertinent to the world fairs and events of his day.

My first Damm coin, though I didn't know it then, was the aluminium McKinley assassination coin. Then came two of the 1904 St. Louis fair coins. After that a Masonic emblem and another St. Louis. The latest Damm coin in my collection is one of the electric building from the NY-PAE with the Armour shield on the reverse. They are all beautiful, art in miniature, a joy to own.

I did not realize I owned any Damm coins until I read an article by Don Sabo, "A Newly Discovered Charles F. Damm" in the 1972 spring issue of TEC. It was an interesting and informative article. Damm was a manufacturing jeweler from Buffalo, N.Y. whose coins are those from the NY-PAE as well as the St. Louis fair. He produced many others. The genuine Damm coins (first rolling) can be determined by their characteristic crinkly pattern on the reverse side, with the exception of those pieces printed on both sides such as the PAE Electric Building with the reverse Armour shield mentioned above.

Despite Damm's coins being among the earliest, they seem to be more easily obtained than many of the newer issues by recent rollers. His coins must have been purchased, admired, saved and passed on by many a person for those Damm coins are something special.





E-99

A HOLE IS A HOLE IS A HOLE

by Rudolph Skaritka

That title doesn't sound appetizing and I'm not talking about doughnuts. But a hole can be an important thing when it pertains to an elongated coin.

Since I've been involved in elongateds I've always wondered if the hole has anything to do with its value or artistic quality. Surely most collectors would like to have all of their elongateds "Mit Out The Hole". As far as I know no collector has ILL-CPIE # 2 without a hole. I would think if a collector had one he wouldn't trade it for almost anything.

This brings to mind a very interesting elongated made by Cee Ceven, # 99 titled, "10th Anniversary Of Archer National Bank". Most of the elongateds were made on cents, with the hole, of which was attached a key ring chain and the bank gave them away to its depositors on the anniversary date.

A few pieces were sold to collectors without the hole. In the near future newer collectors will probably acquire these "Holed Elongateds" and wonder if there were any more without the holes.

In closing, I would like to mention that any collector that has E-99 in their collection to hold on to it because the die was destroyed in April 1973.

ILL - CPIE # 2 COMMENTARY

by Burton Neal Levy

In Dottie Dow's book, "The Elongated Collector" Illinois Century of Progress International Exposition elongated # 2 is pictured without a hole. I have literally seen over eighty # 2 elongated coins since I've been collecting and I have only seen them with the hole, with only one exception which I will mention later.

This particular elongated coin was sold on cards which contain about forty elongateds holed and affixed to the card through the hole. (I don't recall the exact amount of coins on the card, but forty is mighty close. The price was fifteen cents each if I'm not mistaken.)

Through careful examination of the elongateds I drew the conclusion that all of these were struck rather than rolled. Each coin was perfectly flat and each coin did not vary in length or the position of the strike (roll?). Another factor was the fact that the reverses of the coins had no image or any indication that they were rolled on cents per se.

I stopped into a local coin shop one day and lo and behold the dealer showed me an ILL - CPIE # 2 he purchased with some foreign coins without a hole. Here's the catch though - the elongated was 25% clipped at the top of the coin where the so-called hole should be. When I saw this I thought it was cute, but I really didn't want to purchase it. But it made me think - Was

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ILL - CPIE # 2
COMMENTARY

by Burton Neal Levy

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this coin clipped in the process of being struck or was it rolled short?
I really was baffled!

Now that I have presented my commentary on ILL - CPIE # 2, I hope that the membership may shed some light on the topic. Was this elongated coin STRUCK or ROLLED?

What ever happened to the clipped elongated without the hole? It is now in the possession of Mr. Shel Green. Perhaps Shel will allow me to photograph the coin and I will send a copy to those who would like to draw their own conclusions. (I wish I could send the photo free, but it costs me 47¢ to make a 3½ X 5 snapshot from a color slide.)

THE CAPPED LINCOLN CENT - COUSIN?

by Jack Wilcox

Seeking out New Jersey and Christmas exonumia brought to light the 1934 and 1935 Capped Pennies. To date we have unearthed five different issues:

1. Morro Castle Fire - 1934 (ship)
2. Hauptmann Trial Flemington, N. J. (courthouse) 1934
3. Greetings (Santa head) 1935
4. Lord's Prayer (within a cross) 1935
5. Admiral Byrd at Little America (bust) 1935

A Merry Xmas (Santa in a chimney) 1934 has managed to elude us, so far. Arlie R. Slabaugh, "Christmas Tokens and Medals", lists and shows photos of the Santa capped cents for anyone wishing to see what these "cousins are like." Arlie explains the cap is a copper shell sometimes gilded and silver plated, which fits over the reverse of the Lincoln cent. This shell is the design and new obverse. The Santas were issued by L.S. Werner, prominent coin dealer in 1934. No doubt he also issued others.

I like to consider the capped cents as cousins to our elongated coins. With a bit of planning and hunting a nice display of "altered-Lincolns" can be made, utilizing; elongateds, counterstamps, love tokens, encasements and capped Lincolns.

I have an interesting counterstamp on a 1916 cent that reads "Began Trade this Date". The Modern day counterstamps, like moon landing, J.F.K. etc., are very easy to find. The nickel obverse cent reverse or 06¢ piece and the dime-cent 11¢ piece made in machine shops across the land can be had also. Most cent love tokens are on the Indian cent, but Lincolns can be found as well. I have a 1968 which is engraved into a figure of Jesus.

When seeking elongateds don't overlook the hidden "cousins" as well. These are fun to find also!

Anyone with odd looking altered cents, why not report them. I for one enjoy learning about these. Anyone collecting elongateds has altered coins.

Extra!

This ad appeared in a major coin newspaper and naturally it caught my attention. I would like to hear each members view points concerning this article.

Very Rare -- Unusual ?

Collection of 14 different elongated coins, from the 1893 Columbian Exposition: Two struck on shield nickels, with different style lettering. Seven on the following Liberty nickels: 1883 with cents, 1884, 1887 1888 (two varieties) and

1892 (two varieties). Three on seated dimes dated 1876, 1888 and 1891, and one each on a Barber dime and Barber quarter, each dated 1892. The very rare and unusual collection for 495.00



COMMENTS:

...concerning your Very Rare--Unusual elongate ad - I think this ad is way out of range because at \$ 495 this would be a litte over \$ 35 each. No-way would I pay that price for them....Doug Sullivan

...not talking about the price I was wondering who was selling a collection like that and why they did not know the Dow numbers....Paul Aubry

I truly don't know what they are worth but I do know they are not scarce on the auction sheets, most Columbian issues at least, so I doubt the rarity very much. My first impression was "I wonder if anyone will bite?"Verlee Waterman

NEW MEMBERS

104. Sharon Finch
105. Mitchell A. Skrzypek
106. Kazuma Oyama

107. H.W. Knotts
108. Gary E. Glise
109. Richard G. Mulfinger

Although one hundred and nine membership numbers have been issued since MEC's inception that does not necessarily mean that all members are paid up to date. Presently we have seventy-four paid up members and two honorary members.

The following individuals have not paid their dues for 1975 and they will offically be dropped from the roll as of June 15, 1975.

50. J. Harvey Burham
35. Ralph DeSantis
6. Dottie Dow *
9. Ralph W. Jobe *
49. Leonard A. Krug
16. R.W. Luchtman *
74. Richard Montford
84. Steward E. Nethken

75. Ben Odesser
93. Teresa Osborne
87. Jerry Rathburn
92. Oscar G. Ratnoff
69. James Scardino
59. Barbara A. Schlereth
72. Bruce C. Sumner *
13. Lloyd E. Wagaman *

The (*) asterisk indicates rollers of elongated coins. Surely these people must have overlooked paying their dues, and I hope this gentle reminder prompts the payment of their dues. I know that each one of these rollers have proved there dedication to the hobby and MEC in the past.

May 1, 1975

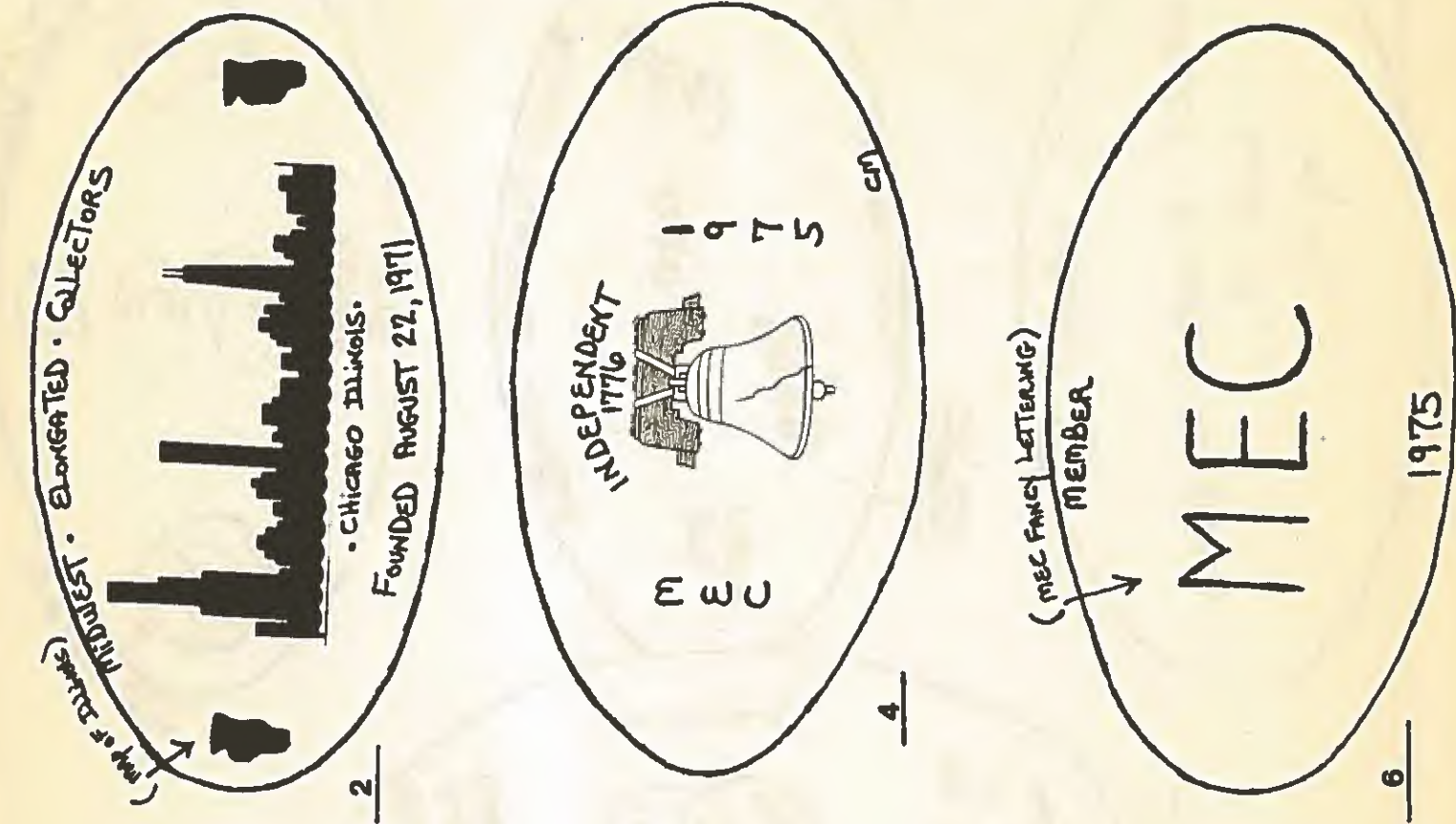
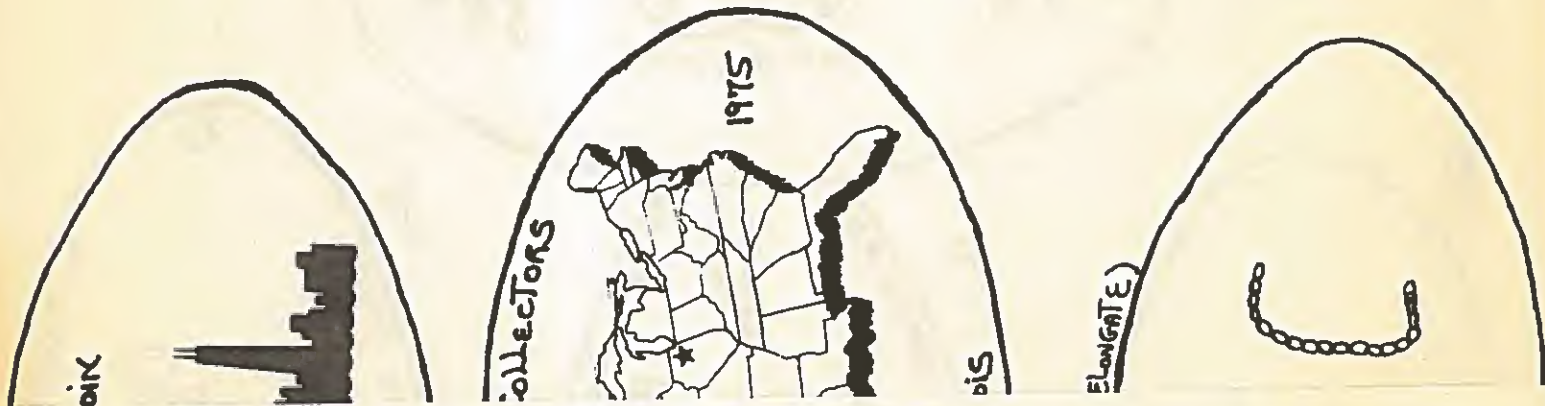
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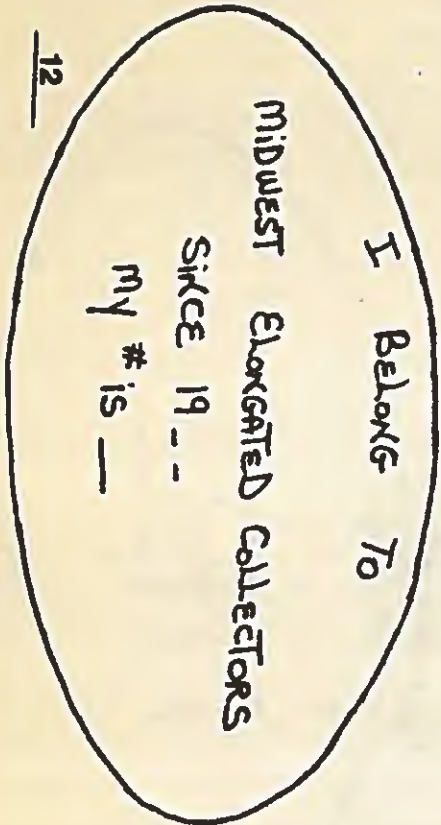
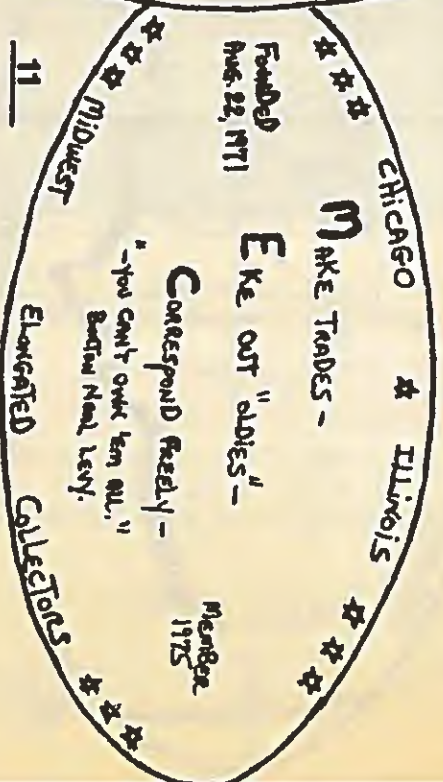
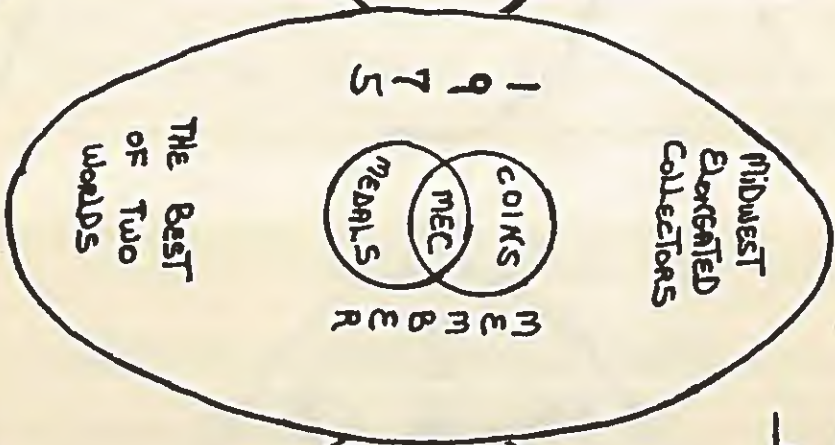
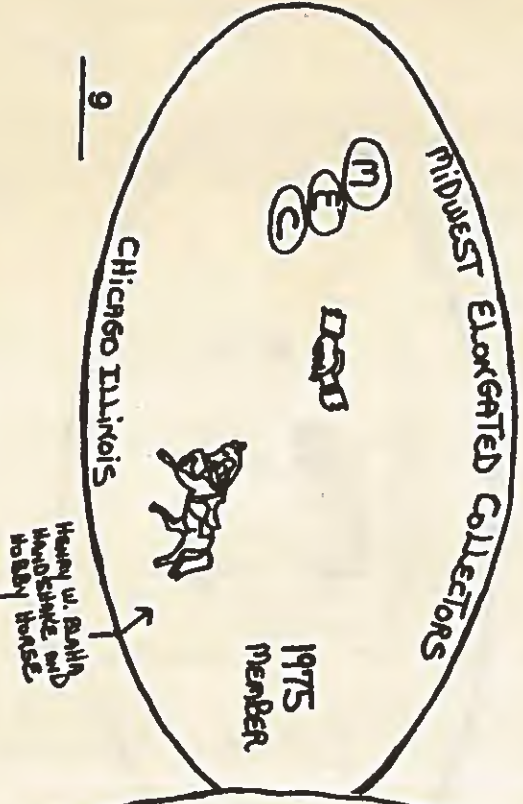
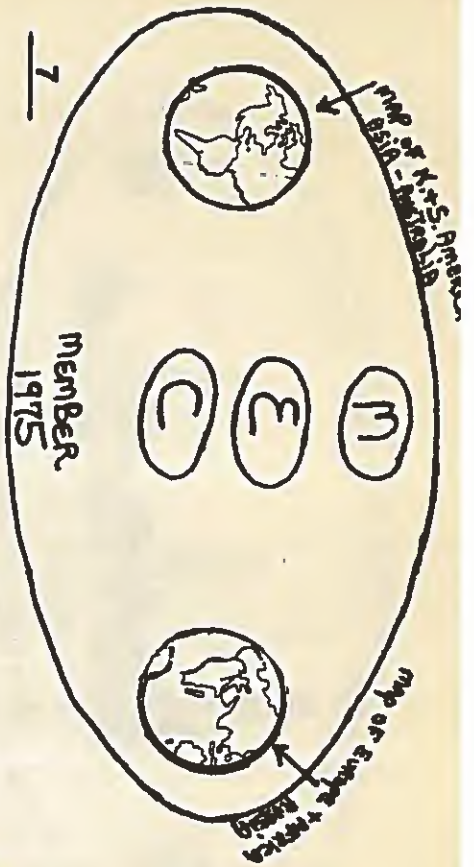
I'm REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE 1975 ELONGATED COIN DESIGN CONTEST
THAT I'VE MOVED UP THE MAILING DATE OF THE SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER.
WE'VE GOT A BUNCH OF GREAT DESIGNS-TOO BAD WE CAN ONLY CHOOSE ONE.
BURT

The following members submitted the above designs for the 1975 membership elongated:

1. Michael R. Pender
2. Abe Gelter
3. Paul Aubry
4. C.J. Meccarello
5. Alan Herbert
6. Betty R. Kirby
7. Rudolph Skaritka
8. Doug Sullivan
9. Jack Wilcox
10. Don & Sharon Finch
11. Douglas F. Fairbanks, Sr.
12. Tom Hudson
13. Herman S. Maul, M.D.

Thanks to Jack Wilcox's suggestion, Burton Neal Levy drew the designs as best as he could with whatever aids available, from the original art work. Detach this form and use the reverse to select the design which you favor.





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THE MEC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER will be mailed on or before the following dates for 1975 via THIRD CLASS MAIL:

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Anyone wishing to have the newsletter sent via First Class Mail send Burton Neal Levy four ten cent postage stamps (MEC will pay for the first ounce of postage) and there after you will be advised for additional postage. The average weight per newsletter is two ounces.

THE BULLETIN BOARD section of the newsletter is intended as a media for the collector who wishes to display his or her desire to obtain elongated coins, or make it known that he or she has a coin(s) which one may wish to obtain. The bulletin board first appeared in the 1973 Third Quarter Newsletter and I would think that since there is no charge for space in this section that more members would take advantage of it.

Under no circumstances will THE BULLETIN BOARD display FOR SALE ads. Advertising space is available at the following rates:

Quarter page \$ 1.50 - Half page \$ 2.50 - Full page \$ 5.00

Courtesy will be given to all dealers and rollers who are members of Midwest Elongated Collectors. Upon request their names and addresses will be printed in a special section designated as such.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

WANTED: CALs.f # 5 - Post office S.F. Cal. Will trade or buy.
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WANTED: Moses elongated coins - won't you help out a friend?
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-Elongated cents 75¢ on dimes \$1.25-
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